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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, BR

SUBJECT: URGENT OVERFLIGHT/LANDING REQUEST

- 1. AIRLIFT INTERNATIONAL, A CERTIFICATED US SUPPLEMENTAL INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE, HAS REQUESTED DEPT ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING LANDING AUTHORITY FOR FOUR CHARTER FLIGHTS IT SEEKS TO OPERATE PURSUANT TO A CONTRACT TO DELIVER 1400 DISASSEMBLED HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLES TO MANAUS, BRAZIL. THE IMPORTER IS MOTOVI INDUSTRIA, A PRIVATELY OWNED BRAZILIAN FIRM WHO WILL ASSEMBLE AND RETAIL THE MOTORBIKES THROUGHOUT BRAZIL.
- 2. IN EARLY OCTOBER, HARLEY-DAVIDSON OFFERED VARIG THE CONTRACT TO AIRSHIP THE MOTORBIKES. THEY DECLINED CITING EXCESSIVE CARGO BACKLOGS. HARLEY-DAVIDSON THEN OFFERED AIRLIFT INTERNATIONAL (AI) THE CONTRACT. TO DATE AI HAS MADE UNCLASSIFIED

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REPEATED REQUESTS TO BRAZILIAN AVIATION AUTHORITIES FOR LANDING AUTHORITY, BUT TO NO AVAIL.

3. ACTION REQUESTED; REQUEST EMB/CONSULATE APPROACH APPROPRIATE BRAZILIAN AVIATION AUTHORITIES AND OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR AI TO OPERATE THEIR CHARTERS. TO PREVENT THE ENTIRE ARRANGEMENT (HARLEY-DAVIDSON EXPORT, BRAZILIAN

## ASSEMBLY, AI CHARTER) FROM FALLING THROUGH, REQUEST EMB/

CONSULATE UNDERTAKE THIS EFFORT ASAP AND REPLY BY COB MONDAY 21 NOV. TO EXPEDITE FLIGHTS, ALSO NOTIFY: CAPTAIN AL WELLS, VP-FLIGHT OPS, AIRLIFT INTL MIAMI, FLA TELEX 519256

## FOLLOWING IS PERTINENT DATA ON CHARTERS:

TYPE AIRCRAFT: DC-8-54F.

US REGISTRATION NUMBER: EITHER N108RD OR N109RD CREW: FOUR US CITIZENS PLUS ONE CARGO ATTENDANT. FLIGHT DATES: 24, 27 AND 28 NOVEMBER AND 4 DECEMBER CARGO: 75,000 LBS DISASSEMBLED MOTORCYCLES EA FLT.

SHIPPER: HARLEY-DAVIDSON, YORK PA.

CONSIGNEE: MOTOVI INDUSTRIA, CONERCIO LTD,

AMAZONAS, BRAZIL.

4. FYI: VARIG HAS HAD THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR CHARTER FLIGHTS WITHIN THE US PROMPTLY APPROVED. THEIR LATEST WERE TWO FLIGHTS WHICH DEPARTED HOUSTON, TEXAS 12 NOV WITH 166 US CITIZENS EACH. FLIGHTS WILL RETURN HOUSTON 20 NOV. VANCE

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